

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
3-25-04
7:00 PM.**

6:00 PM: WORKSHOP - Blair Butterworth - Levy Discussion

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nixon at 7:05 PM.

Council Present: Pat Fullmer, Steve Hotchkiss, Will Ibershof, Tom Loutsis, Heather Page and Jeffrey Possinger.

Staff Present: Doreen Booth, Steve Schuller, Chief Merryman, Dianne Nelson, Jodee Schwinn and Joe Schultz attending for Bruce Disend.

I. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll in the amount of \$94,648.77; Claims in the amount of \$563,009.55; Under Staff Reports move Doreen Booth after Chief Merryman; Under Council add: Councilmember Steve Hotchkiss

II. Comments from the Audience:

Ray Burhen, PO Box 6, Duvall, announced the Chamber of Commerce will be holding its monthly meeting on April 1st at 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Brad Nelson from the City of Snohomish who is very knowledgeable and has also been very successful on preserving Snohomish's downtown core. Ray also wanted to address the statement he made at the last council meeting regarding his taxes. His taxes from 2003-2004 went down, but his taxes from 2002-2003 went up 36%.

Doreen Booth, City Hall Administrator, read into the record a letter from Will Daniel. The letter expressed continued communications regarding development and construction of a community skate-park. The letter also reported that there is a committee of twelve local teenagers who are meeting twice a month, petitioning, and working on community outreach for this project. He expressed their eagerness to join hands with the city, not-for-profit organizations and the surrounding community to see the realization of a skate-park.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Was moved and seconded (Ibershof-Possinger) to approve the consent agenda which included Payroll in the amount of \$94,648.77; Claims in the amount of \$563,009.55; and

the Council Meeting Minutes of 3/11/04; and the excusing the absence of Councilmember Greg Von Tobel - he is out of town. Carried. (6 ayes).

IV. Presentation: Snoqualmie Watershed Forum

Sandy Kilroy, Snoqualmie Watershed Coordinator, gave an update on the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum, the benefits it provides, and the work the Forum is doing. She explained the foundation and structure of the Forum and the importance of the Forum in representing local jurisdictions in the larger process of the Snohomish Watershed Basin.

George Anderson, reported that directly related to the Snoqualmie Watershed, he is very concerned with King County's practice of dumping Class B bio-solids in the forest land east of Duvall. He has also witnessed crews dumping within 100' of streams. He does not believe this is environmentally healthy, especially at the headwaters of most of the salmon bearing waterways. Mr. Anderson also showed a King County toxic warning notice tag that he recently found floating in a creek near that same area. He feels the groundwater should be being tested in those areas.

V. New Business:

1. (AB04-20) Appointment and Confirmation of Kimberly Waters to the Duvall Arts Commission. *Was moved and seconded (Ibershof-Fullmer) to Confirm Mayor Nixon's Appointment of Kimberly Waters to the Duvall Arts Commission. Carried. (6 ayes).*

VI. Scheduled Items:

1. Mayor: Mayor Nixon reported that she attended the Snoqualmie Valley Governments Association meeting this week. She said the group had some good discussions. She also reported she will be attending a Directors Awards Ceremony at King County and she has scheduled a few minutes to speak with King County Executive Ron Sims regarding possible funding cuts to local roads.

2. Committee Reports:

a. Economic and Business Development Committee - Councilmember Tom Loutsis reported the Committee is mainly working on two projects; 1) looking at the City's development regulations to make them more business friendly and 2) targeting what kind of businesses to bring to town.

b. Revenue Committee - Councilmember Jeffrey Possinger reported the Committee has not been able to meet the last two weeks, but their pressing issue is still establishing a policy on a possible levy and ensuring that Councilmembers are in agreement on the type of levy.

c. Comprehensive Plan & Development Regulations Committee - Councilmember

Heather Page reported the Committee met and discussed the Capital Improvement Plan and the Private Utility Plan in respect to updating the Comprehensive Plan. They discussed SR203 and lane width vs. sidewalk width. They also discussed the possibility of going to a Hearing Examiner.

3. Council:

a. Councilmember Steve Hotchkiss wanted to address a comment made at the last meeting regarding the Pledge of Allegiance. He feels we are a nation of multiple religions and he does not feel the phrase “under god” respects the diversity of other individual’s religious beliefs.

4. Staff:

a. Steve Schuller, Public Works Director, shared a letter and a thank you he received from some elementary-aged children who toured the wastewater treatment plant. Steve also distributed a memo outlining three engineering options for the Main Street width design. Each option is supported by currently adopted road and engineering standards. Steve emphasized the importance of Council giving him direction as the City needs to move forward with a design.

After some discussion, Councilmember Will Ibershof recommended staff bring a resolution reducing the lane width to 22’ forward to the next Council Meeting. There was consensus among Council to bring that resolution forward.

Steve Schuller also gave an update on the Central Park project and distributed a copy of the proposed design.

b. Glenn Merryman, Chief of Police, gave an update on the Police Department Project. He also announced the Carnation City Council voted to contract with the Duvall Police Department for police services.

c. Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, explained the council packet memo on the Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds and the “Preliminary Official Statement” for the bonds. She is planning on bringing the Bond Ordinance forward to the next Council Meeting and stressed the importance that any Councilmember with any questions or concerns contact her before the next meeting. Dianne also distributed a handout addressing the timeline for a Levy Lid Lift Vote.

d. Doreen Booth, City Hall Administrator, announced that she recently received a letter from Patricia Blair who is currently “Mrs. Duvall, Washington.” Mrs. Blair will be participating in the national Mrs. America Competition and is asking the Duvall City Council to show their support with a letter of recommendation. The City Council approved sending a letter of recommendation, and wished Patty good luck. Doreen briefed the Council that an 8’ retaining wall will be constructed along 1st Avenue, between Virginia and Bird, as part of the conditions of approval of the Stoneridge development. Lastly, Doreen also gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the City of Duvall expenditures and the changes that occurred between 1999 and 2003.

VII. Public Hearing: *None*

VIII. Executive Session: *None*

IX. Adjournment:
Was moved and seconded (Ibershof-Fullmer) to adjourn. Carried. (6 ayes).
Meeting Adjourned 9:20 PM.

Signed _____
Mayor Becky Nixon

Attest _____
Jodee Schwinn, City Clerk